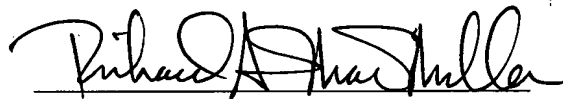


The Examiner's interpretation of the term "map of the performance of the agricultural tractor during operation in the agricultural field" is too broad and not consistent with the specification. This term refers to a map that relates one or more operating characteristics of the tractor as it is operated in the field. The Examiner appears to interpret the term as meaning a map that relates one or more characteristics of the field itself. This is simply incorrect.

Column 8, Lines 45-55 of the Monson et al. reference discloses a digital output screen that displays the location of a tractor in the field on a digital map, and further displays the status of various systems on the vehicle. This is an interesting use of standard global positioning technologies, but it clearly does not show or suggest the generation of a map of the performance of the tractor during operation in the field, as specifically claimed. The maps 80-84 of the Monson et al. reference are maps of soil fertilizer concentrations in a field and, therefore, are clearly not related to the performance of the tractor, as specifically claimed. Thus, the claimed invention is clearly unique and patentable over the disclosure of the Monson et al. reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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